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SUBJECT: MBFR: THE COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT: SPC MEETING FEB 17

REF: A) MBFR VIENNA 513; B) STATE 34467

1. SPC ON FEBRUARY 17 CONSIDERED AHG REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON THE COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT (PARA 13, REF A). NETHERLANDS REP (BUWALDA) SAID HE HAD ONLY VERY BRIEF AND PRELIMINARY VIEWS FROM THE HAGUE. HIS AUTHORITIES' PRELIMINARY VIEW WAS THAT IF ONE SIDE BECOMES CONVINCED THAT THE OTHER SIDE IS NOT FULFILLING ITS OBLIGATION TO THE COMMON CEILING, THEN THE FIRST SIDE IS NO LONGER BOUND BY IT. THIS ULTIMATELY IS THE ONLY SANCTION FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE COMMON CEILING. HE SAID THE ALLIES COULD ASK FOR INSERTION OF LANGUAGE IN THE AGREEMENT THAT EACH PARTICIPANT WAS LIABLE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE COMMON CEILING. THE ALLIES COULD ALSO ASK FOR INSERTION OF LANGUAGE ON WHETHER A PARTY WOULD PROTEST TO ONE OR SEVERAL OTHER PARTIES. HOWEVER, THIS DID NOT MATTER TOO MUCH SINCE THERE IS REALLY NO GUARANTEE OF THE COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT EXCEPT THE POSSIBILITY OF ABRIDGMENT.

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2. US REP (MOORE) PRESENTED THE US VIEWS CONTAINED IN REF B, STRESSING THEIR PRELIMINARY NATURE, AND THEN CIRCULATED A NOTE CONTAINING THE SUBSTANCE OF REF B.

3. FRG REP (HOYNCK) TOLD US REP PRIVATELY AFTER THE MEETING THAT HE ANTICIPATED THE FRG MIGHT HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THE IDEA IN PARA 3, REF B THAT PARTICIPANTS WITH TERRITORY IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS WOULD AGREE NOT TO PERMIT ACTIONS BY OTHER STATES ON THEIR TERRITORY WHICH WOULD RESULT IN FORCE LEVELS IN EXCESS OF THE COMMON CEILING. HE NOTED BONN'S GENERAL INTEREST IN MINIMIINIZING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WITH TERRITORY IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS AND OTHER DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. US REP NOTED THAT THIS WAS A PRELIMINARY IDEA INTENDED AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALLIANCE DISCUSSION, AND THAT IT WAS DESIGNED TO TAKE CARE OF EASTERN CONCERNS ABOUT STATES WHICH ARE NOT PARTICIPATING.

4. SPC WILL NEXT CONSIDER THIS ISSUE ON FEBRUARY 24. BRUCE

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